

geographical areas around the state. The Attorney General took exception to that statement saying that that was too vague. So, I think you have a copy of this amendment on your desk. And what this does, this amendment would change that language to say...

PRESIDENT: Call of the house is raised.

SENATOR BAACK: ...that of the four members that are appointed from the general public, one would be appointed on a statewide basis, and the other three would be chosen one from each congressional district, which puts some boundary lines on the geographical distribution. That is the first part. There are two other parts. The other part is it puts in the severability clause because this has become the Education Committee's Christmas tree bill. We have all kinds of different bills that have been attached to this. I think we need the severability clause so that we don't run into a problem if one part of it is declared invalid or something that it negates the rest of it. So I think we need the severability clause. And it also contains the emergency clause, this amendment does, because if we want to do this study properly on the ESUs and get some action taken by next year, we need to get started on this study as soon as we can. And if we don't have the E clause on this bill then we would not be able to start the study until July. I think that we need to start sooner than that. So I would urge you to vote to return this bill to Select File for this specific amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: I was going to call the question.

PRESIDENT: Well, there aren't any other...let's see. Are there...is there anyone else to speak on Senator Baack's motion to return the bill for a specific amendment? Anything further, Senator Baack? Motion is to adopt or reject Senator Baack's motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Motion is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment. Vote aye or nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried and the bill is now on Select File. Senator Baack, you may formally offer your amendment.